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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Peterson et al.

Application No.: 08/986,186

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Examiner: J. Brusca

For: Methods For Generating And Screening  
Novel Metabolic Pathways Atty Docket No.: 8757-009-999

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Communication from the Examiner dated December 2, 1998, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from January 2, 1999 up to and including April 2, 1999.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$435.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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